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FROM PAGANELLI EMBASSY DOHA

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR US QA ECON BEXP

SUBJ: US-QATARI RELATIONS

1. DURING ONE AND ONE HALF HOUR SEPT 28 DISCUSSION BETWEEN AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, AND VISITING NEA DEPUTY ASST SECY SOBER, US-QATARI RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED. IN ADDITION TO MYSELF, GOQ MINISTER OF INFORMATION ISSA AL KAWARI, WHO IS ALSO THE AMIR'S CHEF DE CABINET, ATTENDED THE MEETING.

2. SOBER OUTLINED US INTEREST IN THE GULF, CITING OUR RECENTLY EXPANDED PRESENCE WITH RESIDENT AMBASSADORS IN QATAR, OMAN, UAE AND BAHRAIN. HE STATED THAT US WAS PREPARED TO COOPERATE
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IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION AND WANTED TO DO SO. HE NOTED

US BUSINESSMEN HAD ALSO "DISCOVERED" GULF.

3. KHALIFA SAID THAT THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE WAS EXCELLENT FOR US COOPERATION SINCE IT UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED US HAD BEST TECHNOLOGY TO OFFER. KHALIFA SAID HE SAW US ROLE IN QATAR AS ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM. HE DESCRIBED HIS THINKING ON INDUSTRIALIZATION OF QATAR IN TWO PHASES--FIRST, UTILIZING GAS ALREADY AVAILABLE AND SECOND, UTILIZING GAS RECENTLY DISCOVERED BUT AS YET UNEXPLOITED. HE NOTED THAT FRENCH, BRITISH, JAPANESE, AND OTHERS ALREADY WORKING HERE IN INDUSTRIAL FIELD, AND IT NOW US TURN TO HAVE A SHARE OF THE ACTION.

4. SOBER EXPRESSED POSITIVE INTEREST AND ASKED FOR SPECIFICS. ALTHOUGH THE AMIR MENTIONED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, IRRIGATION AND DESALINIZATION IN PASSING, HE SAID HE WOULD FORMULATE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WHICH WOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE EMBASSY. HE COMMENTED THAT HE WAS A QUICK ACTION TYPE, AND HE WOULD EXPECT RAPID RESPONSE UNFETTERED BY BUREAUCRATIC DELAY.
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